

usual oaths prescribed for county officers and shall give bond in the sum of not less than five thousand dollars and not more than ten thousand dollars for the faithful discharge of his duties.

SEC. 9. If the said road superintendent or road manager shall knowingly and willfully fail to discharge any of his duties laid down under this act he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined or imprisoned, at the discretion of the court.

Failure to discharge duty a misdemeanor.
Punishment.

SEC. 10. The road superintendent shall erect and maintain mile-posts on all public roads, and at each intersection or cross-road shall be placed direction posts, giving direction and distance to the various towns in the county.

Mile and guide posts.

SEC. 11. It shall be the duty of the road superintendent to have the property owners along all public highways to cut all timber or trees to a distance of thirty feet back on each side of the road. In the event the property owners fail or refuse to do this it shall be his duty to have it done. In the event that this shall damage the property owners to any extent, the county shall pay the same: *Provided*, no shade trees in any yard nor fruit trees shall be cut.

Timber shading road.

Damages paid by county.

Proviso: Shade and fruit trees.

SEC. 12. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 8th day of January, A. D. 1917.

CHAPTER 29

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 12 AND SECTION 14 OF CHAPTER 41 OF THE PUBLIC-LOCAL LAWS 1913, RELATING TO HIGHWAYS IN STOKES COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That section twelve of chapter forty-one of the Public-Local Laws of one thousand nine hundred and thirteen be and the same is hereby amended as follows: Strike out all of said section after the word "applied" in line nine of said section, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "by the permanent roads commissioners of their respective townships to the upkeep and maintenance of the public roads in their respective townships." That any excess of taxes already levied and collected to meet interest on bonds now in the hands of the respective treasurers of townships which have voted bonds under said act may be used by the respective permanent roads commissioners of such townships for the upkeep and maintenance of the public roads in same, instead of being applied to reduce levies for succeeding years.

Application of surplus.

Surplus heretofore collected.